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SUBJECT: NATO SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM ON ENERGY

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1. REFTEL B REQUESTS MISSION SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION
ON PROPOSED ENERGY SYMPOSIUM UNTIL MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
CLEARER, PERHAPS ONE MONTH.

2. ALLIES WOULD CONSIDER AMERICAN
POSITION ALONG THESE LINES SIMPLY AS OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTIC.
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CANNOT POSTPONE DECISION ON JANUARY SYMPOSIUM
MUCH LONGER IN VIEW OF NEED TO LINE UP ACADEMIC PARTICIPANTS AT
AN EARLY DATE. A DECISION ON SYMPOSIUM ONE MONTH FROM NOW,
I.E., MID, NOVEMBER, WOULD BE TOO LATE, AND IT IS BY
NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WOULD BE
CLEARER THEN. IN ANY EVENT, REFTEL B DOES NOT OFFER REASONS
WHY LIMITED, NARROW BELGIAN-GREMCH PROPOSAL FOR SYMPOSIUM ON
EAST-WEST ENERGY COOPERATION WOULD INTERFERE WITH POSSIBLE
FUTURE MIDDLE EAST OIL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. I BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD NOT ADVOCATE POSTPONING DECISION,
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BUT SHOULD DEAL WITH ISSUE ALONG LINES PROPOSED REFTEL A.
THEREFORE, I REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE
USNATO TO WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND ALLIES TO TRANSFORM
BELGIAN-FRENCH PROPOSALS INTO TOPIC ACCEPTABLE TO WASHING-

TON . IF DEPARTMENT
JUDGES THAT IS IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH GUIDANCE, MISSION
REQUESTS: A) REASONS WHY SYMPOSIUM ON EAST-WEST ENERGY COOPERATION
WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MIDDLE
EAST SUPPLIERS; AND B) ANOTHER SUGGESTED TOPIC, PER PARAS 4 AND
5 OF REFTEL A.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BY OCTOBER 16.
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